

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of an Air Pollution Control Construction Permit and
Notice of Public Hearing
for Unicom Power Holdings, Inc., North Chicago

Unicom Power Holdings, Inc., has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct the North Chicago Power Project, a natural gas fired electrical generation facility, to be located at 501 Foss Park Avenue in North Chicago. The facility would include natural gas fired turbines. This facility would not be a major new source of air emissions pursuant to the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (40 CFR 52.21) or "Major Stationary Source Construction and Modification" (35 IAC Part 203) rules.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 20, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Chicago High School, 1717 17th Street in North Chicago. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and data and to answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permits. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight January 4, 2000. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Hearing Officer, see address below.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the Hearing Officer, address below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the Hearing Officer by December 5, 1999.

The Illinois EPA has reviewed the permit application and has concluded that the application complies with applicable state and federal air pollution control laws and rules, including the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the federal Clean Air Act, Illinois' Rules for Air Pollution (35 Ill. Adm. Code: Subtitle B.)

Copies of the draft permits and project summary are available on the Internet at www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm. These documents along with the permit application may also be reviewed at the North Chicago Public Library, 2100 Argonne Drive in North Chicago and the Illinois EPA's offices at 1701 South First Avenue, Maywood, 708/338-7900 (please call ahead and ask for Carmen Montenegro to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, Illinois. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

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